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SUBJECT: UN CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) STATE 188247, (B) STATE 203994, (C) STATE 206009

1. EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL A ON JULY 28, AT WHICH TIME BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER CONTEH AND THEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WILLIAMS WERE OUT OF COUNTRY. ACTING PERM SEC MFA, S.L. MATTURI LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND PROMISED TO BRING TALKING POINTS TO ATTENTION MINISTERS WHEN THEY RETURNED TO SIERRA LEONE, BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMENTS.

3. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY AFTER PRESENTING DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL C TO REVIEW WITH MATTURI VISIT TO SIERRA LEONEHOCY GOVERNOR SCRANTON IN JUNE 1976 AND COMMITMENT MADE BY GOSL AT THAT TIME TO TREAT PUERTO RICO AS INTERNAL MATTER OF USG. EMBOFF ALSO REVIEWED VOTING PATTERN OF GOSL UN DELEGATION IN C-24 IN 1976 (SUPPORTING US POSITION) AND IN 1977 (NOT SUPPORTING), LATTER DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES FROM MFA THAT DELEGATION HAD INSTRUCTIONS SUPPORT US POSITION. EMBOFF REQUESTED MATTURI TO CLARIFY GOSL POSITION ON PUERTO RICO.

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3. MATTURI REITERATED OFFICIAL GOSL POLICY IS TO TREAT PUERTO RICO AS INTERNAL MATTER OF USG. HE OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED BY APPARENT "MIX UP" BY GOSL UN DELEGATION IN FOLLOWING MFA INSTRUCTIONS. HE INFERRED STRONGLY THAT 1977 SITUATION WOULD NOT BE REPEATED, BUT DID NOT (EMBASSY COMMENT: AND COULD NOT) STATE HOW GOSL DELEGATION WOULD VOTE. HE MADE NO COMMENT REGARDING DEMARCHE CONTAINED

REFTEL C, EXCEPT TO PROMISE TO PRESENT TALKING POINTS TO
FOREIGN MINISTER. EMBASSY NOTES THAT FOREIGN MINISTER

CONTEH HEADED HOSL DELEGATION TO BELGRADE NAM AND IF
RESERVATION NOT MADE AT THAT TIME POST BELIEVE GOSL
UNLIKELY TO MAKE RESERVATION NOW.
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